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Response to Restriction Requirement of 12/29/05
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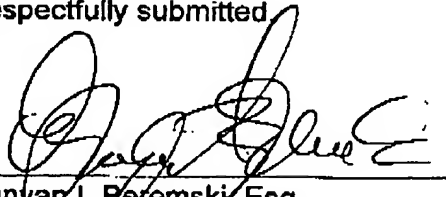
REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on December 29, 2005, the Examiner required restriction of the claims to one of group I (claims 1-18), and group II (claims 19-35). Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with this restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects claims 1-18 for Examination. Claims 19-35 are cancelled herewith accordingly, without prejudice. The Applicant intends to pursue the cancelled claims 19-35 in a separate divisional application. The Applicant has added new claims 36-40. In addition, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, and 6-13 to correct for minor errors. The Applicant submits that the above amendments to the claims do not introduce any new matter, and requests examination and allowance of claims 1-18 and 36-40.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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